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STAR PERFORMERS.

The Principal and Graduates of Mt. Vernon Institute to Appear at the Opera House.

There will be a rare treat for our lovers of high class entertainments on Thursday evening, December 20th. A literary and musical entertainment in the interests of St. Anne's Rectory fund will be given, the programe to be rendered by a selected company of well known elecutionists and musicians, among whom is a noted banjo performer. See the posters for particulars The following is the program:

PROGRAM—PART I:

Singing (Banjo Accompniment) Miss Bernard
Recitation, "Oh, Sir!" . . . . . Miss Ryan
Recitation, "Fritzies Trouble," . Miss Bernard
Recitation, "Kellogs Bar," . . . . . Miss Banes
Recitation, "Pat's Letter," . . . . . Mr. Bailey
Recitation, "Bugle Song," . . . . . Miss Peirce
Recitation, "Death of Fagan," . . Mr. Willits

PART II:

Singing (Banjo Accompniment) Miss Bernard
Recitation, "Swore Off," . . . . . Mr. Bailey
Recitation, "Mrs. O'Toole and the Conductor . . . . . Miss Banes
Recitation, "The Dying Alchemist," . . . . . Miss Bernard
Recitation, "When the Folks is Gone," . . . . . Miss Ryan
Recitation, "The Unknown Speaker," . . . . . Mr. Willits
Emotional Attitudes . . . . . Miss Peirce
PLACE AUX DAMES (a Shakesperian Burlesque)
Juliet . . . . . Miss Bernard
Portia . . . . . Miss Ryan
Ophelia . . . . . Miss Banes
Lady Macbeth. . . . . Miss Peirce
Romeo. . . . . Mr. Willits

A "Y" Social.

The Young Society Has A Social Function.

The Y. W. C. T. U. which was recently organized, gave a social last evening at the home of Mrs. M. B. Burris on North Broad Street. It was the young society's first attempt at a social function. There were about 30 guests present. A pleasing little impromptu programme was rendered. Miss Mabelle Taylor giving one of Whitcomb Riley's dialect poems in good style, while Misses Maggie Arthurs, Dora Culbertson and others rendered several musicsl selections. Refreshments were served and the evening was enjoyed by all. The "Y" proposes to make socials one of their attractions this winter.

NAMED THE BABY.

Christening Rites of James Corse Jarrell.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jarrell gave a very pleasant dinner party at their home near Smith's Mill on Thursday, on the occasion of the christening of their infant son, James Corse. The rites were performed by Rev. N. M. Browne, after which a bountiful repast was enjoyed by a number of invited friends, among whom were Rev. and Mrs. N. M. Browne, Mr. and Mrs. N Burris, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Burris, Miss Burris of Middletown; Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Jarrell and John Jarrell, of Delaware City; Mrs. Newkirk and Alfred Newkirk, of Wilmington; Mr and Mrs. Walter Price of Smyrna; Miss Short and Mr. Short of near Leipsic.

STATE PRINCIPAL'S ASSOCIATION.

Second Annual Meeting at Felton today.

The State Principals Association convened at Felton last evening, and will continue to-day. The members consist of County Superintendent, City Superintendent, and all Principals in the state or teachers having at least one assistant.

Prof. James W. Lattomus Pricipal of the Felton High School entertains the visiting Principals. The object of the Association is concerted action, in securing legislation that will be to the best interest of the school and also to discuss methods and modes that are best suited to graded schools.

SOCIAL EVENT.

A Card Party is one of the Pleasant Events of the Week.

The Euchre Club which was organized several weeks ago, was entertained at Mrs. N. J. William on Thursday evening. Among those present were: Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Gilpin, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. McDowell Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Biggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cochran Jr., Miss Corbit, Mr. Alex Corbit, Misses Corinne Cochran, Jodie Biggs. Bessie Boyer, Messrs A. M. Chamberlaine, George T. Wilson and Charles Cochran.

BRIEFS.

—Toilet Articles for the Holiday trade at VAUGHAN'S Drug Store.

—Graduates from Goldey's Commercial and Short Hand College, Wilmington, Del., have no trouble in securing good posi-

—Wanted, for a family of three on a farm near Sassafras, Md., an experiencep housekeeper and good cook, without children. Reference given and required as to moral character. Good wages. Apply at this Office.

—We lead in the Soap line and are sure we can please you in price and assortment. Buttermilk Soap 25 cents per box at, VAUGHAN'S Drug Store.

—The stores are resplendent in their holiday attire but none more so than that of W. R. Reynolds who received his regular stock of Robes and Blankets on Monday and his stock keeping propensities crop out plainly in the neat appearing shelves and well arranged cases, while the new and strikingly handsome paterns have no opportunity to become shop-worn or dingy in this store; and he exports his sales to equal in volume to those of last season.

—If you have ever used Wright's goods, no other will answer. We can supply you in any quantities, by the ounce, or in fancy boxes put up for the Holiday trade. We have Wright's extracts in White Rose, Mary Stuart, Lilly of the Valley, Jockey Club, Violet, American Beauty, Lilac, Ilang Ilang, etc., and Wright's Toilet Water in Mary Stuart, Heliotrope and Lavender al ways in stock. H. VAUGHAN.

—"What you save is so much made." We have made a reduction in all our Blankets and Robes for the remainder of the season, Call and see them, we will convince you of this fact. J. C. PARKER.

Unclaimed Letters.

Following is the list of unclaimed letters remaining at the Post Office Middletown, Del., for the week ending December 5. 1894. Miss Martha Eew, Mrs. Sally E. Smith, Dr. Thomas D. Messick, Miss M. Christopher, Isaac Holland, Clarence Johnson, Miss A. B. Hill, Miss Elnora Caunneyer.

Inaugural Committee.

The Inaugural Committee of East Dover Hundred met on Thursday evening, pursuant to a call, and elected Dr. G. Layton Grier, Chairman, and Thomas T. Kellum Secretary.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Mrs H. M. Price is spending the week in Philadelphia.

—Miss Hester Jones is visiting friends in Camden, N. J.

—Miss May Holten entertained a few friends on Thursday evening.

—Misses Jennie Green and Lydia Echenhofer spent Sunday in Townsend.

—Col. H. C. Perkins, of Philadelpia, spent several days in town this week.

—Mr. George F. Wilson spent several days this week in Philadelphia on a pleaure trip.

—Rev. Dr. Duncan, Rector of St. Stephen's P. E. church near Earlville Md., was in town yesterday.

—Dr. T. J. Bowes was the guest of Mr. Cowgill Alston and enjoyed a gunning expedition this week.

—Miss May Parrott, of Still Pond, Md., was a guest of J. F. Deakyne, near town, this week, and is now visiting Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

—We are sorry to learn of the illness of Grandon Reed, the genial constable of St. Georges hundred. His condition last night was unchanged.

—Prof W. B. Tharp is attending the meeting of the State Principals Association at Felton to-day. Mrs. Tharp is spending the day with Mrs. Yocum at Smyrna.

—The friends of Mrs. Jennie Walker will be relieved to know that a critical operation was successfully performed for her yester day at the Jefferson Hospital, and though she is very critically ill, her physicians are hopeful of her recovery.

CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. J. H. Wilkie. of New York, has accepted a call to the Rectorship of St. Annes Parish, and is expected to enter upon his ministerial duties on December 16th.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor will meet in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Miss Mary Dunning will lead the meeting. All are cordially invited.

Service in the Methodist Episcopal church to-morrow: Class meeting 9 o'clock, Preaching 10.30 o'clock, Sunday School 2 o'clock, Prayer meeting 7 o'clock. led by a layman. Sermon 7.30 o'clock, subject, The end of the world, When it will be.

Sunday next being the three hundredth anniversary of the birth of Gustavus Adolphus, the theme of the Rev. F. H Moore's evening sermon will be Gustavus Adolphus, the military Hero of the Reformation. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Rev. R. I. Watkins preached last Sunday morning in the M. E. church. His subject was founded on Matthews iii-11. "He shall baptise you with the Holy Ghost and with fire" The discourse was edifying and instructive. Mr. Watkins is a fluent and interesting speaker and always receives a thoughtful and appreciative hearing.

The relation between Rev. John M. T. Knox and the Port Deposit Presbyterian Church was dissolved at a special meeting of the New Castle Presbytery held in Newark. Mr. Knox was transferred to the Northumberland Presbytery of Pennsylvania. He had been pastor of the church at Port Deposit but a short time, and resigned to accept a call to become pastor of the Presbyterian church at Watsontown, Pa.

W. H. M. S.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of Bethesda Methodist Episcopal church was held Thursday evening. After transacting the usual business, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President Mrs. Sylvia Burris, Vice Presidents Mrs. C. C. Browne, Mrs. Virginia Massey, Mrs. Willie Maxwell; Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Clara Jones, Recording Secretary Miss Addie Hazzard, Treasurer Mrs. Sarah Rice, Local committee Miss Emma Merritt, Miss Anna M. Freeman, Miss Louisa Cox, Mrs. Anna Griffith Mrs. V. Massey.

ROLLS OF HONOR.

The following pupils have reached an average of 95 per cent. or more for the month of November.

MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

DEPARTMENT No. 1.—Hattie Barnard, Mary Maxwell, Helen Price, James T. Shallcross, Jr.

DEPARTMENT No. 2.—Carrie Clothier, Addie Johnson, Charles Talbot, Walter Green, Julia Kelley, Bessie Crouch, Helen Smith, George Kelley, Jessie Culbertson, Dora Culbertson.

DEPARTMENT No. 3.—Bertha Geary, Grover Talbot, Ethel Ginn, Mary Holten, William Carty, Carrie Hallman, Nora Moore, Herbert Chamberlain, William E. Reed, Nina Geary, Colonel Crouch, Harry Bolton. John McGuire, Minnie Smith, John Crouch, Harry Brady. Ada Davis, Bessie Craddock.

DEPARTMENT No. 4.—Louise McDowell, Helen Cochran, Ethel Rowe, Mary Nowland, Ella Burchard, Blanche Ginn, Edith Allee, Mattie Roberts, Annie Bordley, Oscar Whitlock, Randolph Geary, Harold Roberts, Grover Johnson.

DEPARTMENT No. 5.—Florence Owens, Sophie Clothier, Elsie Jones, Maggie Hallman, May Kumpel, Lizzie Holten, Maurice Bratton, Clara Lancaster, Alice Corrie, Viola Downey, Rachel Donahoe.

DEPARTMENT No. 6.—Lillian Walker, Nettie Whitlock, Lottie Jolls, Alice Britman, Emma Maniove, Edna Banning, Willie Bensten, Jake Burstan, Willie Carroll, Clarence Gears, Victor Jones, George Richards, Ringold Richards.

MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL.

Mattie Davis, Edna Cleaver. Jamie Colpitts, James Brown, Thomas Lucas.

WOODLAND SCHOOL.

The following maned pupils of Woodland School have reached the average of 90 per cent. or above for the month of November: Sarah Rena Dolson, Harry Dolson, Thomas McIntire Eliason, Irving Metten.

LEVELS SCHOOL.

The following pupils of Levels School have attained an average of 90 per cent. or over for the month of November: Charles Joseph, Price King. May Husfelt, Ernest Ratledge, Jehu Alfree, Alec Alfree, Harry Boyles, Martin Lee, Walter Lee, John Bennett, Fred Ginn, John Lattomus, Willie Watson.

—A flag raising will be held at Levels School, Friday, December 14, at 1.30 p. m. Miss L. N. Lloyd, teacher.

LITTLE LOCALS.

—The Christmas shopper is abroad.

—Four hundred cloak makers in the employ of Strawbridge & Clothier have gode on a strike.

—Hog killing is the excitement of the hour among the farmers, "and have you killed yet?" is the mode of salutation at present.

—These are ideal December days! no finer on record! Clear, crisp and invigorating, new life seems to be in the very atmosphere.

—Country sausage, scrapple and spare-rib are the popular and prevalent articles of diet since the death of his majesty of the swine herd.

Maud Muller on a Summer's day
Raked the meadow sweet with hay.

You cannot help liking "Maud Muller," Alfred Wright's latest extract. For sale at VAUGHAN'S drug store.

—If the old saw is true, we are to have a remarkable winter. The first threedays of December that give the index for the three winter months were very mild, with scarcely a suggestion old Boreas.

—Among our many new advertisements Megary's, of Wilmington should have special attention. No dealer in House-furnishings has a better record for drawing customers and keeping them than he.

—The Middletown merchants are following in the wake of their metropolitan neighbors, and are making a fine display of holiday goods. The stores are as attractive as one can find anywhere outside of the cities.

—Ho! Ho! for Christmas! Rice's as usual will be Kris Kringle's headquarters. He is getting ready for his opening, and makes his announcement this week. He will have more to say next Saturday.

—The young friends of Miss Helen Smith arranged a very delightful surprise party at her home on East Main street on Wednesday evening. Miss Ada Roberts was the leader of the enterprise, and with about 30 other little girls and boys spent a pleasant evening in games and sports.

—J. H. Emerson will have his annual opening of fine furniture on Thursday, December 20. He has already a fine display of beautiful goods, and more on the way. Look out for bargains in house furnishings and decorations!

—The Young Ladies Mission Circle held their regular meeting at the Parsonage Monday evening. The exercises were interesting Subject was "Our Indian" papers were read, touching various phases of the question. A large attendance indicates a growing interest in this commendable work.

—Wilmington is having a 10 days wonder in Prof. and Mrs. Baldwin, who are giving mind reading and other magical performances in the Opera House. We know some persons who would like to ask Mrs. Baldwin a few questions, but do not care to have the answer out loud in meeting.

The Young Ladies Mission Band of the M. E. church will hold a Bazar on Tuesday evening December 18th, in Wood's Hall. Light Refreshments will be served, and all kinds of fancy articles will be offered for sale. It is well to wait until then to make choice of Christmas presents, as the young ladies are making it a special point to please the connoisseur in pretty, dainty and useful Xmas gifts at fair prices.

—St. Anne's Rectory is being improved in various ways preparatory to the arrival of the new Rector. New paper and paint, electric light and water upstairs and down, with several other changes will make it one of the changes will make it one of the prettiest and most convenient homes in town. The Rector's family consistiug of himself wife and three ohildren, are expected to arrive next week.

—The "bloomer" has not reached Middletown yet, but it has come scandalously near. New Castle having had a bloomer maid on the wheel this week. To our mind Mrs. Grannis' rainy day costume is a more rational innovation, and after a morning in bedrabbled skirts, leggings and short frocks are like a dream of paradise to some feminine bread winners, whose regard for conventionality is greater than their love for comfort.

—If your boy and girl are on the Roll of Honor you are as pleased as they are, you told them so. It is more than likely that you gave them a treat when they brought their cards home on Monday evening. But have you told the teacher how pleased you are at your children's progress? To be on the Roll of Honor means more than a bright and studious pupil, it means a careful and ambitious teacher, and you owe it to her to tell her of your interest in and approval of her work. If your child is not on the Roll of Honor possibly a little oversight at home is the one thing needful.

—On Wednesday Afternoon the pupils in Prof. Tharps room turn aside from rousine work and have intellectual recreations. Last Wednesday they devoted an hour to the life and work of Augustus Adolphus, whose 300th birthday is being celebrated not only here but in Sweden and Germany He is called the "Lion of the North" and his life bears closely upon Delaware's history as it was the fulfillment of his cherished plan that the New Sweden of America was established. The site of old Swede's church in Wilmington is where the first settlers landed in 1638. It is a matters of much regret that so little date of this most interesting period is accessible to our School children. Wanted! A history of Delaware that is a history.

PENINSULA NOTES.

State Treasurer Burnite has paid the election registrars and assistants for Kent and Sussex counties, $1,040 to the former and $975 to the latter.

Drs. Irwin S. Vallandigham, of Middletown, and William T. Skinner, of Glasgow, have been elected by the Delaware State Board of Health by the delegates to the National Board, which meets in Washington, D. C., on December 12th.

Register of wills E. T. Cooper, of Dover, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Peninsula Press Association, has gone to Chicago to attend the meeting of the National Editorial Association.

E. W. Dawson, of Newark, has purchased the Westamwell farm belonging to the McCullough Iron Company for $10,000. Mr. Dawson intends starting a creamery there.

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A TRIBUTE TO HIGGINS.

A Voice Heard From the "North Star" State That Speaks for the Honor of Delaware.

DULUTH, MINN., Dec. 1st, 1894.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—A full decade having elapsed since the writer removed from Delaware he may be pardoned for not having quite kept pace with State politics. Yet for all that, he has not failed to hear of the wonderful change in sentiments of your people that has made your recent annals famous, viz. their choice of a Republican United States Senator, in the person of the Hon. Anthony Higgins—the first since the 7th day of December, 1787, when Delaware had the proud distinction of being the first of the thirteen original States to adopt the Constitution of the United States.

It was a notable event—this election of Delaware's first Republican Senator, and deserved to be signalized, as it was, by the selection of some son of hers full worthy to wear the fallen mantle of the Bayards.

Though knowing but little of his prowess of leadership in the struggle at the hustings, yet his large fame won in the National forum had penetrated even into these far Hyperborean regions of the North Star State.

No circumstance sheds greater lustre upon the escutcheon of the Diamond State, than that she has ever sent the worthiest of her citizens to represent her in the Senate. No one ever mocked you "Little Delaware" when the question was not acres, but size of Senatorial brows! For to give the Bayards and Saulsburys their due though their regime smacked over much of "rottenborough," and Bourbonism damned its efficiency—yet despite all this—their intellectuality at least made it respectable, and certainly did men like James A Bayard and John M. Clayton, exalt the State name and enlarge its boundaries till "Little Delaware" seemed bigger than Texas!

So when tiring of this family-prerogative notion, and even more of antique Bourbon policy that was fast sending Delaware to a rearward station in the advancing sisterhood of States, your good folk broke for ever their ancient fetters and sent Mr. Higgins to the Senate, as an exponent of the newer and nobler Delaware, every son of hers at home and abroad, rejoice, and the sympathetic Nation extended its gratulations. So be sure, too, no Delawarean, no matter how far towards the setting sun he had set his face, but heard with participant pride of the creditable fashion in which her first Republican Senator, on more than one occasion, in that arena where veritable sons of Anak were contending, both championed the principles of Republicanism, and maintained the forensic reputation of the State! It was indeed gratifying to read that among them all, there were none whose shoulders overtopped those of Delaware's first Republican Senator—none that drew a blade of keener metal, better wielded! It needed some such creditable performances as his in the Senate, to offset the National disgust which the over zealous cuckoopiping in a bad cause of her Democratic Senator, awoke in the breasts of all Americans, Republicans and Democrats alike.

Again, I read that a second time, in the November elections, Mr. Higgins had led the Republican forces on to a yet greater victory—one that augured happily, promise of still larger accomplishment. If I, in this far off station, could appreciate his services, I deemed, of course, that in his own State that they had been accorded a recognition too hearty to allow suggestion of his retirement!

And yet if one is to credit the unsavory newspaper stories that have circulated so freely of late throughout the country, I might fear that the Delaware Legislature, allured by base lucre, regarding ducats rather than the right of worth and brains, would permit a hired plutocrat to tear from her Senator the toga he has worn so worthily, and the seat that statesmen were wont to fill would be usurped by money bags alone.

Would Delaware's own trusted sons reject a man who but yesterday set fresh laurels upon her forehead, and name a man who would set a blister there! Nay! I will not credit it!

We, of Minnesota glory much in our brainy, eloquent Cushman K. Davis, and though into the Legislative balance money bags were cast, yet to the lasting credit of our State the *brains* out weighed the *coin!* And shall Delaware do less!

In a conversation the other day with Senator Davis, he paid his colleague, Mr. Higgins a warm tribute indeed.—"His speeches upon the Hawian and tariff issues were among the ablest delivered on the floor of the Senate. He has already come to be an authority upon important matters of international concern. He has proven himself a decided credit both to Republicanism and his State"

I have too high an estimate of Republican Delaware to believe that she would permit a squatting speculator to debauch her politics wholesale in order to buy himself a seat in the United States Senate and I believe that her new Legislation will proclaim to the purse proud schemer that Delaware State jewels are not for sale.

A DELAWAREAN.

ONLY ONE DOLLAR.

The New York Weekly Tribune and Transcript.

By a special arrangement with the publishers of the New York Weekly *Tribune*, we are enabled to offer this excellent paper together with the TRANSCRIPT for one year for only one dollar. The *Tribune* is the eading New York weekly. A 20 page paper founded by Horace Greely. Especially the paper for farwers. The TRANSCRIPT is the only Republican paper in New Castle County outside of Wilmington, and is devoted to local and general news.

Arc Lights in Favor.

The town commissioners of Milford have recently been trying the experiment of lighting a part of the town with arc instead of incandescent electric lights. The experiment has been so satisfactory that the commissioners have decided to increase the number of arc lights.

Edwin M. Stevenson.

Edwin M. Stevenson, a well known citizen of Dover, one the best and most useful men of that town, died Tuesday, age 62 years. He was a member of the firm of Stevenson & Slaughter, one of the most active workers in the M. E. church, and trustee and treasurer of the Conference Academy. He leaves a widow and four children, son and three married daughters.

—After once using Wright's Sachets, we are sure you will concur with us that they cannot be surpassed. All odors at, VAUGHAN'S Drug Store.

ADDICKS' BOOM BREAKS.

Senator Higgins Will Succeed Himself.

The following special despatch from Wilmington to the Philadelphia Press on Wednesday, gave the Addicks boom a blow, and indicates the trend of public sentiment strongly in favor of Senator Higgins:

A break in the Addicks forces of Sussex County has developed within tha past few days and the Senatorial contest now looks as if the opposition to Mr. Higgins will be scattered among several different candidates.

Addicks has been asserting that the Sussex delegation to the Legislature was solid for him, but a strong sentiment has appeared in favor of Hiram R. Burton, of Lewes. The terrible scoring that Addicks has received from prominent Republican journals and statesmen all over the country has made an impression in old Sussex, and the members from that county are looking for a way out of the Addicks net. The more Addicks is discussed the more odious his alleged candidacy appears.

Dr. Burton is a prominent Republican, well known all over the State, and has always been a warm supporter of Senator Higgins, The Sussex men declare tha Sussex has not had a Senator since the war, and if the present contest is to throw Mr. Higgins' chances in doubt, then Sussex should have the choice. Any way, as the situation is now, Addicks' Sussex delegation has a big hole in it and Dr. Burton's name will probably appear prominently.

In the caucus in 1888, in the Republican caucus thirty five ballots were necessary to a choice, the Sussex men sticking to the candidate of that county, Charles H. Treat, but owing to uncompromising attitude of Charles H. Maul, then a member of the Legislature from Sussex, the delegation of his country went to its second choice and selected Mr. Higgins. It is known that the second choice of several of the present Sussex delegation is Mr. Higgins, and unless there is a break in New Castle delegation, which is improbable, Mr. Higgins will be successful.

The name of George V. Massey has been discussed in connection with the Senatorship and he is known to control two votes. His friends declares that they will never vote for Addicks. If this is true it is impossible for Addicks to control the caucus. It is believed that Mr. Massey intends to hold these two votes as a nucleus to his own candidacy, but a long established precedent will be broken. The friends of Mr. Massey expect Mr. Addicks when he finds it impossible to get the necessary votes for his election, will throw his strength to Massey, but the report that Mr. Massey will hold the two necessary votes from Addicks, will be likely to cause Mr. Addicks to oppose Mr. Massey's candidacy as bitterly as he does that of Senator Higgins.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

Unfavorable Comment on the Document From the Newspapers.

N. Y. Tribune (Rep.).

The President has not heard of the elections last month, or considers it dignified to take no notice of an attempt by the people to reverse the course of their government. In effect, his message is a new declaration of war against depressed industries and trade.

A Dry Message.

Chicago Evening Post (Rep.).

Every one who glances at the message will be struck by the austerity of style which it shows. The familiar Clevelandesque aphorisms and axioms, those ponderous rnd awful alliterations which he has hurled at our devoted heads for ten years, off and on, are wholly absent. We look in vain for the "innocuous desuetude" phase of his genius. The illuminations are extinct. The passings of fancy are exhausted. The message is as dry as a covered bridge.

No Leadership Note Sounded.

N. Y. "World" (Dem.).

The message of President Clevelaad is as a whole a disappointment. There is no clear note of leadership in it. It contains not the slightest recognition of the cause of the late overwhelming disaster to the Democratic party. It has no word indicating a purpose to amend the faults and correct the blunderers that contributed to this defeat.

Nothing About the Income Tax.

N. Y. "Herald" (Ind. Dem.).

The most noticable omission in Mr. Cleveland's message is his failure to recommend the repeal of the obnoxious income tax. Why Mr. Cleveland should recommend the prompt repeal Sugar Truat tax and make no reference to the income tax infamy is not apparent.

A Picturesque Lack of Ideas.

N. Y. Advertiser (Rep.).

His suggestions are a rehash of those made by the members of his staff, plus that distinctive originality of statement and that enforced picturesque form of expression which have ceased to surprise or amuse.

Insulting the American People.

N. Y. Press (Rep.).

Mr. Cleveland's demand for more free trade legislation is an insult to the American people and an essential denial of the right of popular sovereignty.

Pervaded by Sulkiness.

N. Y. Sun (Dem.).

The small part of the message which was unquestionably written by Mr. Cleveland was written with a pen dipped in sulk.

A Look Backward.

Washington Star (Ind.).

Three months hence we shall know what Congress really thinks of the message.

Our Clubbing Rates.

The TRANSCRIPT can be taken in connection with any of the following periodicals at clubbing rates named below. Persons taking advantage of this proposition save from 50 cents to $1.25. The TRANSCRIPT and New York Weekly Tribune, $1.00; New York Independent, $3.25; New York Morning Advertiser, Daily and Sunday edition, 2.75; Demorest's Family Magazine, $2.50.

—Ladies, we would like you to try Wright's Rose Leaf Toilet Powder, for sale at VAUGHAN'S drug store.

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TID-BITS.

Gleanings of the Week From Many Fields.

"Old Tom" Tudor, of Mount Olivet, Ky., celebrated his eightieth birthday recently by marrying for the seventh time. Tudor's a wonder.

The widow of the late General N. P. Banks will get a pension of $100 per month if the bill introduced into the Senate by Senator Hoar becomes a law.

Bishop Attirus Haygood, of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South) is dangerously ill at his home at Oxford, Ga. The symptoms of his case indicate pneumonia.

Claus Spreckles the California sugar king, created a stir in financial circles in San Francisco on Saturday by drawing a check on the Nevado Bank for $1,500,000. He refused to state what the check was for, but intimated that it was for the purchase of Government bonds.

Mr. Yang Yu, Chinese Minister at Washington, gave a dinner to Secretary Gresham lost week, and had Mrs. Yang Yu at it—the first festival of the kind in the history of the Chinese Legation. It wasn't a bird's nest soup and peacock feather affair, but a dinner of the Washington caterer kind.

W. M. Howard, the Populist Congressman-elect from the Seventh Alabama District, hopes to get into the public eye in several ways. He intends to move an inquiry into the private means of the President of the United States, and is going on the lecture platform, where he will have an opportunity to promote the sale of his book, "If Christ Came to Congress." Howard is only thirty-two years of age, and it is to be hoped that when he is older he will know more.

The crusade against Sunday night theatricals in Cincinnati was made interesting on Sunday night by the appearance of Rev. Charles Pelton, of the Municipal Reform Society, and Rev. Charles Work, of the First Presbyterian Church, at Havlin's Theater. The two ministers only stayed long enough to qualify themselves as witnesses, and after leaving made a request at Police Headquarters for the arrest of the actors. The police would not interfere until after the performance, when the actors at all the theaters were subject to the regular Sunday night arrest.

The lecture manager of Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll says that the distinguished lecturer does not care for social attention when he goes to a town to lecture. He goes to a hotel, generally on the European plan, where he can eat whatever pleases At the home of a prominent citizen the old time star lecturer was generally there on exhibition before a large number of guests, whom he was expected to entertain. Unlike the platform orators of other days, Colonel Ingersoll has no one to make a fulsome address of introduction to hi audience. He walks alone on the stage, and does not even have the time honored pitcher of ice water to keep him company. His love of simplicity controls him in all the affairs of life.

The large majority of contemporory authors of international fame are small men physically. Kipling. Barrie, Jerome, Howells, Stockston, Stedman, Mark Twain, Bert Harte Boyesen, Saltus, are none of them above medium height and several of them are actually diminutive. Marion Crawford and Conan Doyle are tall, athletic-looking men, but they are the exceptions that prove the rule.

John Ericsson, with the possible exception of Edison, was the most prolific inventor of this century. He was the originator of nearly 1000 devices, but he will ever be best remembered as the creator of the Monitor.

Berloiz the great French composer, was first appreciated by the Germans, and today a German conductor—Felix Motti, the court kapellmeister at Karlsruhe—has been asked to come to Paris and make the French acquainted with the three best operas of their great composer. They are "Les Troyens," "La Prise de Troie" and "Benvenuto Cellini."

REPUBLICAN CELEBRATION.

A Grand Banquet by the Young Men's Republican Club.

The Young Men's Republican Club of Wilmington will give a banquet December 28th in celebration of the recent Republican victory in this State. There will be 500 covers and is intended to be a fine affair. Governor-elect Marvil, Congressman-elect Willis and members elect the General Assembly and the other Republican officials recently elected in this State are expected to be present and arrangement have been make to secure the attendance of Senator Joseph Carey of Wyoming a former Delawarean, Senator Mathew Stanley Quay of Pennsylvania, Congressman Lemuel Ely Quigg, of New York.

Don't Care to Fish.

Undoubtedly it is well for Senator David B. Hill that he does not drink, does not smoke, does not swear, and that he has tamed the heyday in his blood until nothing interferes with his pursuit of politics as a profession. But when as a result of this he tells a World reporter he did not care to fish in Florida because there are any amount of good fish already caught in the markets—when he does this, we say, he shows that the cube of every virtue is a vice. What does the man know of the joy of life who has not spent an afternoon in the land of the Lotos-eaters watching the languid air sweep around a red and blue cork while his soul is lulled to rest by the low, soft song of the female mosquito? What does it profit a man to gain the whole world of politics if he can spend November in the sunniest State of the sunny South without going fishing? Senator Hill may live and die free from the least twinge of gout, but the man who is so devoid of enthusiasm that he cannot fish will find no pleasure in greatness, nor will he ever be worshiped by any one, not even by his own private secretary.—N. Y World.

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TOWNSEND TOPICS.

W. H. Money is still serving as Deputy Sheriff.

Charles Shockley has returned to his home in Lincoln.

The Jr. O. U. A, M. attended church on Sunday morning.

J. T. Ellis and brothers are building a large stable on their farm near here.

G. M. D. Hart has purchased a tract of timber of about 300 acres, nine miles below Centerville.

Walter E. Hart has purchased the Finley farm near town and will move there in the spring.

A number of our young folks went to the oyster supper at Mr. James Ginns on Thursday evening.

Mrs. F. F. Carpenter returned from a four weeks visit with her parents at Cape Charles on Wednesday.

Mr. Venn the baker, has contracted for a dwelling and store in Clayton and will move there in the spring.

D. P. Hutchison has moved from Walnut street to the house which he recently purchased on Commerce street.

Misses Lydia Echenhofer and Jennie Green of Middletown were the guests of Mrs. Edward Graves on Sunday.

Mrs. David Wells, who has been suffering from paralysis is a little better and her friends hope that she will get about again.

Rev. Alfred Smith's sermon on Sunday evening was from the text "Ye are the salt of the earth" It was very plain and full of gospel truth.

The Lecture by Prof. Roe "Under the Cross of St. George," which was to have been given on Thursday evening, is postponed until next Monday evening.

Mr. W. J. Lee went to Jefferson hospital Philadelphia, on Monday for the treatment of a cancer on the nose. The operation was performed on Wednesday. Dr. T. A. Enos was present and reports that Mr. Lee is doing as well as can be expected.

BLACKBIRD NOTES.

A prairie schooner passed here on Wednesday.

Thermometer at 20°, Thursday morning.

Miss Ray Catts is visiting friends in Frederica.

Quite a number of people are slaughtering their hogs.

Miss Katie Jackson visited friends in Smyrna last Week.

Mr. Harry Gray, of Camden, N. J., is expected here this week.

Mrs. B. B. Ferguson and two children are visiting in Camden, N. J.

Purnell Lewis went to Wilmington, Friday, to attend court as a juror.

Auly Hill has been quite sick for a weeks or so, but is getting all right again.

Mrs. James Buckson is home again after spending a week with friends in Delaware City.

Mr. Caleb B. Lewis has returned to his home in Chester after spending some time with his son here.

James Buckson has bought a new power feed cutter, and has started to cut up corn fodder, for the farmers around Middletown.

Mr. Joseph Shaw and Miss Ella Hobson were married in Townsend, Wednesday evening, December 5th, by Rev. F. F. Carpenter. We extend our best wishes to the happy pair.

TAYLOR'S BRIDGE.

Rev, E. H. Hynson is holding revival meeting at Friendship M. E. church.

Mrs. Martha Fennemore, of Philadelphia visited her parents Mr. and Mrs, T. R. Boyer last week.

Rev. Charles S. Elliott of the Wilmington Conference Academy at Dover, spent Thanksgiving with his parents.

The Steamer "Commerce" Capt G. W. Bowen, left Shadden Point this week with a cargo of wood, for Camden, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac R. Staats who have been visiting relatives in Brandywine Hundred, have returned home.

The blacksmith shop of this place, which has been idle for several years was opened recently with Mr. Charles Schwatka as blacksmith. He is much encouraged with the outlook.

Mr. Charles Shulsback of Deakyneville started out with a fine pair of young horses on Wednesday of last week, to get a load of wood, and while driving along the Collin's Beach sluice channel, the horses got frightend, became unmanagable, fell in the channel and were drowned,

PROTECTION FOR THE PRESIDENT

A Sentry Box Placed Directly in Front of the White House.

President Cleveland has made another innovation in White House customs even more radical than the recent docking of his horses tails, and one that will cause as much surprise and comment as did that noted concession to fashion. He has had a sentry box built and set up in the roadway immediately in front of the *porte cochere* of the White House and within fifty feet of the front door. The box is so located that an inmate of it can cover every approach to the porch with his eye or with a rifle, if he sould have one in his hands. A huge bronze vase has heretofore been the only obstruction to the roadway in front of the White House porch, the new sentry box is placed close beside it.

Every person who walked through the White House grounds Wednesday morning stopped in amazement at sight of the sentry box, and wondered what new danger threatened the inmates of the mansion that it should be more closely guarded now than at any time in its history, even during the civil war.

There are at present twenty-four policemen detailed from the city force for duty in the Executive Mansion and the grounds surrounding it. They are divided into three watches of eight hours each, and remain on duty night and day. Under an order recently issued, no person is allowed to cross the White House porch or walk under the *porte cochere* while a member of the White House family is entering or leaving it.

INTERESTING TO HORSE OWNERS:—We have a few broken lots of Square and Stable blankets that we will close out at a job prices. The goods are fresh and new, only have a few of each kind. Will sell them away down in prices. J. C. PARKER.

PORT PENN.

Extensive repairs have been made upon the long bridge.

Edwin Walter, of Wilmington, spent Sunday at the home of Joseph Cleaver.

The weather is mild and pleasant, and flowers continue to bloom in the gardens to some extent.

Henry Cleaver is having the exterior wood work of his house painted by Middletown talent and skill.

A. Brown, of Chester, spent a few days at Roselands with Mrs. J. B. Vandegrift last week, and his wife and family remained over Sunday.

Some of the fisherman expect to go down the bay fishing at an early date and are making preparations for it. G. Phouse caught a barrel full recently, but the price is not very high as yet.

The Methodist church which was sold for debt as advertised on December 3d, was bought in by a friend—one who has its interests at heart—so that religious services will continue to go on as usual.

The "Willing Workers" society of young ladies, have had several pleasant and informal thimble parties while preparing for the fair, cheered by a cup of tea or chocolate and the presence of the young men.

DELAWARE CITY.

Mrs. John Swan visited friends in New Castle this week.

Mrs. F. Hall, of Baltimore, spent Monday with friends in town.

Miss Linie Bradway is visiting Miss Boulden, near Chesapeake City.

The steamer Major Reybold has changed her trips; going up one day and returning the next.

Miss Annie Beck was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Snowdell, in Chester this week.

Miss Annie Schunder is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Richard Starr, of Salem, proprietor of canning factory in Delaware City, was in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. L. Stahley, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Julia Brewer, has returned to her home in Sunbury, Pa.

Mrs. Cecil Rice spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. Edwin Amos, returning to her home in Baltimore on Tuesday.

Edward Milne lost a valuable horse this week.

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THE CLEVELAND VAGARIES.

There sre insane people who insist that they are perfectly sane, and that all the rest of mankind are mad. There are very many callow youths who esteem lightly the experience of age, and claim to "know it all." There are all-knowing men, who are so imbued with their own consequence, that their thick skulls are ever impervious to penetration by the light of reason. There are men who simply have notions, and think they have ideas.

But the truth remains that the insane man is still insane. The youth is still callow. The self-esteemed and all-knowing one still has his thick skull, (which is not backbone after all), and the man who mistakes notions for ideas is still without the needed brains with which togener ate the ideas.

About eight years ago Grover Cleveland, in his celebrated message, launched his notions on the tariff, of which a year before he confessed he knew but little. His party took up the cry, and with a mighty shout, followed the new light. The campaigns "of education" commenced. The people were "hoodooed," returned Mr. Cleveland to the White House and gave him a Congress of his own selection along with him. The rasult was, the panic of 1893 and the sickening business heartache of 1894, which has cost the people of this country more money than did the civil war.

But, Mr. Cleveland is not yet satisfied. The country has not yet been sufficiently disgusted by tariff tinkering. He wants more. And it is not enough to keep the people in a furore over the tariff, he and Mr. Carlisle have some more vagaries on the currency, which if permitted to be put into practice, will prove as disasterous as his tariff craziness. But so far, the people have not contemplated this late message with much seriousness, for it is not believed that the present Congress, for the few weeks it will be in existance, will be able to agree on anything. The people have settled down to a patient waiting for Mr. Cleveland's exit, and few tears will be shed when he goes.

A BILL to repeal the Income Tax law was the first to be presented to Congresss.

TWO ex-Governors expired on Tuesday, Leon Abbett, of New Jersey and Oden Bowie, of Maryland.

GOVERNOR MARVIL will be inaugarated at Dover January 15th, the date fixed by the Constitution. The Legislature will assemble on Monday, January 6th.

"SILVER is speech but Silence is Gold." Mr. Cleveland evidently had this in mind when he preserved such remarkable silence on the recent elections in his last message. But there was really nothing for him to say, and he said it.

WE can truly say of the President's Message, "If its length be not its merit it hath no other." We presume, however, Prof. Wilson is pleased with it, Mr. Catching likewise, but the rest of the country receives it with apathy. It did not make any stir in Congress, and with the exception of a volley of condemnation from the press of the country it seems to be almost ignored. It is a very dull, humdrum, uninteresting document, lacking either vigor or brilliancy, and so far as any distinctive originality is concerned it is not to be mentioned with the "perfidy and dishonor" letter. The President had a duty to perform and he did it in a very perfunctory manner.

THE Sunday opening of Saloons is being much discussed in New York City. The Devil seems a little harder to down in Gotham than in most places! After such an overwhelming victory for good morals and good government it is surprising that there should be such activity in favor of Sunday selling of liquor: Ministers are preaching against it but some of the newspapers and many citizens are declaring in favor of it, pleading for the rights of the saloon men and their patrons, and declaring that because the present Excise law is not enforced, it is impracticable, and that lawful Sunday selling is better than unlawful Sunday selling! But the sentiment that finds a lodgement in the most enlightened minds and hearts is, close the saloon not only on Sunday, but every day and the greatest foe to good government and morality will be removed. It is certainly not to the credit of New York City that many of her so-called leading men claiming to be reformers are favoring Sunday selling. The existing evils would be increased manifold if the present Excise law, impracticable as it is claimed to be, should be replaced with legalized Sunday selling. The liquor question is one of the vital questions of the hour. How to deal with it wisely and well is one of the must difficult problems this great nation has to face. We are persuaded that the Dispensary law that has made the name of Governor Tillman, of South Carolina, to be known throughout the country, is a step in the direction of the final overthrow of the saloon.

OUR delinquent subscribers will please take note of the fact that we are making an effort to collect all subscriptions due us, and during the present month shall endeavor to reach all our subscribers either in person, through our agents or by letter. During the two years we have had the TRANSCRIPT a large number of our subscribers have complied with our terms and paid us promptly in advance, but a much larger number have not paid us at all. This is a matter of considerable inconvenience to us. If our dear delinquents value their peace of mind and would enjoy their Xmas paper as only a paid-up subscriber has a right to, they will not wait for a second dun. But if at first we do not succeed we shall not only try again, but keep on until we get it.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3d, 1884:—Congress is with us again! And a very much sadder and a somewhat wiser Congress it is than it was when it adjourned last August. One who saw the ending of the last and the beginning of the present session and who was entirely ignorant of the intermediate occurrences would not need to be told that something important had happened, and the faces of the Republicans and Democrats would give him an excellent clue to guess what that something was. Proportionate to their number there was a better attendance of Republicans in both House and Senate than of Democrats. A witty Democratic member of the House perpetrated the following just after the Democratic chaplain had concluded his opening prayer: "I say," he said in a stage whisper, turning his head towards the member seated next to him, "that fellow has an almighty poor memory." "Why?" asked the gentleman spoken to. "Why? Why great Scott! he omitted to say a word about the great November catastrophe, just as though the loss of $5,000 a year by such an awful lot of us was an insignificant affair already forgotten. He should have given us a word or two of religious consolation; we need it. The contemplation of the loss of his own job ought to have aroused his sympathy."

If Mr. Cleveland really wishes to see the warring factions of his party in Congress get together amicably, his wishes are not made apparent by a hurried reading of his message. On the contrary; the impression left upon one's mind is that he merely offers them a choice between accepting his views and being kicked out of the party, and that he doesn't care very much which they choose. Already there are mutterings of the coming Democratic storm, and it will become more difficult to keep it from bursting after Secretary Carlisle's financial scheme, which is fully endorsed by Mr. Cleveland, has been submitted to Congress and has been fully taken in by the Democrats, a majority of whom hold opposite views. The scheme in all its details is a part of Secretary Carlisle's annual report, which will, it is expected, go to Congress to-morrow.

The honor of receiving the greatest ovation extended to any individual member of the House upon the opening belongs to Hon. Thomas Brackett Reed, whose big face beamed with a sunny smile which was contagious and who fairly shook his elephantine sides when he was jocularly asked if he was ready to take the Speaker's chair. He was constantly addressed as "Mr. Speaker," by both Republican and Democratic members.

Some very ugly reports are again being circulated in connection with the names of Senators Gorman, Brice and Smith, and the Sugar Trust. It is charged that a double deal is now on hand, which, to put it in the language of the street, is to catch the public both going and coming. The poor mouth the sugar trust is putting up is to stave off further Congressional legislation also to force down the price of sugar stock held by those who are not in the deal, and in order to aid the speculators it is said that a great stir and pretense of adverse legislation is to be made in the Senate. Verily, the Fifty-fourth promises to be known in history as the sugar Congress; but there seems to be no probability of anybody's getting punished, except the poor public.

Senator Sherman does not as a rule bother himself about contradicting newspaper stories in which he figures, but he lost no time in informing the public that there was no truth in the statement that he helped Mr. Cleveland fix up the financial portion of his message. He doesn't care enough about ordinary misrepresentations to run them down, but he draws the line at being charged with acting as financial adviser to Secretary Carlisle and Mr. Cleveland. He considers that an extraordinary misrepresentation.

Representative Cannon, of Ill., isn't a man of vindictive or revengeful nature, although when the occasion calls for them he can throw his share of oratorial brick bats. When asked whether the Republicans would during this session taunt the Democrats with their defeat, he said: "If they show us their scarified backs and ask us to do some rubbing I think we can find a little salt and water handy to touch up the sore spots. However, what with their apologies and explanations and finding fault with Cleveland I do not think the Democrats will give us a chance to get in a word edgewise.

The calibre of Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet was never more forcibly demonstrated than by the annual reports which the members, with the exception of Secretary Gresham who makes no report, have submitted. Of course nobody expects anything thrilling or exciting in these annual reports, but the public has a right to expect something better than the common place work which was put on them this year. There isn't a single department in which a score of minor officials could not be found who could—given the same facts to work on—produce in one week's time better constructed and more concise reports than those which have been signed by members of the Cabinet.

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A Few .....Ciphers

Mike's Christmas Presents and Their Lessons.

THERE! That's off my mind for another year."

Mr. March gave an impatient little fling to the last sheet in a series of letters he had been writing. Short and stereotyped they were, —all running much like this:

"DEAR ——:

"Enclosed find a trifle in remembrance of the day, with good wishes for all.

"Affectionately,

"JOHN MARCH."

"It's a kind of nuisance," went on Mr. March, as he gazed at five checks which lay on his desk with the letters, each one dashed off and left to dry while the others were written. "I don't know—" a grumble coming into his tone, "really I don't,—why I should keep it up year after year. There are some things which might be considered outgrown as time goes on, and this is one of them."

Still Mr. March had a feeling that it would not be discontinued, this every-Christmas offering of a small sum of money to each one of his kindred; it was too firmly based on old association. With the passage of the years he had grown apart from them; his interests and theirs had become widely separated and yet he could not well have persuaded himself to sever this almost only link which bound him to the members of his own family.

It had begun soon after he had left home and come up to the great city in search of the fortune which had finally crowned his efforts. He had done well from the first; and, even now, he gazed upon the five checks, he recalled with slight warmth at his heart the first time he had sent home gifts of money. They had been smaller then; a dollar each to three cousins, five dollars each to his brother and sister. What a stir they had made in the family! John could easily reasily realize the feeling of opulence which it spread under his home roof and that of his uncle living near. Later he had enlarged the gift. Brother, sister, and cousins had married and set up homes of their own. None of them had, like himself, prospered abundantly; and when first John March had written out three checks for ten dollars and two for twenty-five, he still knew the rejoicing they would carry into families in which money was scarce.

He had rejoiced in doing it, all the more that a little effort and self-denial had been necessary accompaniments of the gifts. That was many years ago. Time and circumstances had built up walls between him and his relatives, and the old heartiness of good-will was wanting.

"It is really time I was letting it go." A thought crossed him of how good the bit of money still came to its recepients. "But I'm under no obligation to keep it up. I have made my money—they had the same chance. Their lives are what they have made them; just as mine is what I have made it. They expect help from me, and they have no right to."

He fretfully recalled the time when it had been represented to him that unless the brother who still held the old homestead had a lift of a few hundred dollars the place would pass out of his hands. It had been given, and that was the end of any trouble from David. With his sister it had been worse. She had made an unfortunate marriage, and then been widowed. Meek and mild in her disposition, she had never directly applied to him except when in extremity, but was given to keeping her burdens and struggles before him in a way which he sometimes found exasperating.

Cousin Tom had been a scapegrace, always in trouble, always looking for someone to help him out and set him going again on the basis of many promises of better doing. Cousin Harvey was the possessor of a large family and small everything else. It was not so very long since Mr. March had helped him out West, finishing his assistance with the suggestion that in future it would be agreeable that he should keep his difficulties to himself. Cousin Matilda had a sickly family; a wail from her on the subject of pressing doctor's bills was frequently heard.

"No," resumed Mr. March, as he folded one of the checks, "people have no right to inflict their misfortunes on someone else just because he has achieved success where they have failed. That you, Mike?"

"It's mesilf. sur, Ready to shut up when you say the wurrud."

"I'll take the key myself. I'm not quite done yet, but you needn't wait."

Mike, however, showed no hurry to leave, but busied himself about the room, with occasional glances at Mr. March.

"That'll do, Mike," at length said the gentleman, somewhat annoyed by the rattle of shovel and tongs, which seemed to show unusual excitement in Mike. He came slowly towards Mr. March, an undersized little figure of an oldish man with a painful limp.

"If I might be thrubblin' ye jist a minnit, sur."

"Go on, Mike. No more lawsuits, hey?"

"No more o' thim. It's the funny man ye are, sur." Mike shook his head, his whole insignificant face beaming with delight. "It's only that bein' it's the blessed sayson comin' so near—Christmas Eve to-morrow, glory be to God!—that I'm axin' a bit o' help o' ye, Musther March, to sind a bit of a present to me two brothers, Pat an' Dennis."

"Oh! So you have relatives, too, have you?"

"Thanks to the blissed saints I have, sur. An' so I'm comin' to ye to fix up the bits o' paper that'll carry some to them two,—the leetle mite of a shcrap that means so much." Mike laughed aloud as if in great relish of the subject.

"Checks, hey? Well, here." Mr. March again opened his check-book and again began rapidly filling a blank. "To the order of—what's the name?"

"Patrich O'Toole,"—Mike paused a moment as the name was written, then proceeded—"five hun'red dollars."

"Hey?" Mr. March gave his chair a little jerk and gazed and gazed into the thin freckled face surrounded with its fringe of ill-kept red hair streaked with gray.

"Five hun'red dollars to Patrick O'Toole," repeated Mike in the deliberate tone of one taking the pains to make himself understood.

"What do you mean, Mike?"

"Jist phat I'm afther sayin', sur. Five hun'red dollars to Patrick O'Toole, an' five hun'red dollars to Dennis O'Toole."

"Out of your damage money?" Mr. March asked, between two short breaths of astonishment.

"That'd be it sur. Where else would the likes o' me be gettin' five hun'red dollars?"

"Where, sure enough! Why—" Mr. March gazed at the old janitor with a comical mixture of amazement and friendly contempt, "why—you old—fool!"

Mike stood quietly with a broad grin on his face.

"Do you mean to say," went on the gentleman, "that you're going to give such amounts out of the two thousand dollars you got as damages from the street railway for injuries which have made you a cripple for life?"

"Such amounts" seemed a little bewildering to Mike.

"Would ye be thinkin' I ought to be dividin' aiquil wid 'em, bein' they're me own brothers, sur? he began.

"Go 'long with you!" said Mr. March, with a laugh and a stamp of his foot. "Mike," he continued, seriously, "if you do mean such a crazy thing, I hope you will hear me when I advise you against it. Why, man, you are getting old. Your two thousand dollars is almost all your dependence for your old age,—for you and your wife."

"It's the ould wife and mesilf 'll be airnin' this many a year yit, sur, plase the Lord."

"But, Mike, think of the difference this money will make in your comfort. with your simple ways it will make years of ease in your life. You can sit by your fire in your own snug hired room, instead of working hard,—you with your crippled limb."

The old man set his lips slightly together as he gazed at his employer. Mr. March had once or twice noticed the mildness of the insignificant gray eyes looking out from under lids reddened by exposure; now the mildness was intensified by a smile of rare sweetness.

"Musther March," he said, "I know it all, none better nor mesilf. I know jist how much aisier it is to sit by the fire nor to go out in the perishin' cold wid the ache in me ould bones. But ye see, sur, they're me own flesh an' blood,—Pat and Dennis. They feel the pinch and the hardness jist like mesilf. Would it be mesilf u'd sit by me fire takin' me aise knowin' things was harder for thim nor for me? Be me soul! Musther March, I'm thinkin' it's the stingy ould rascal I'm bein' not to give thim more."

"Mike, you're a fool!" repeated Mr. March, but more quietly than before, and simply to fill in the pause.

"It'll be raichin' 'em the mornin' of the blissed Christmas Day." Mike took a few limping steps in growing excitement. "Think of it, sur! It'll be makin' 'em feel rich! It'll bring the shmile to their faces, and the laugh to 'em, God bless 'em! on His own birthday! It'll aise the ache that no one but the blissed Lord an' thimsilves knows of."

Yes, there was a radiance added to the gentleness in the faded eyes,—a radience written by a joy of which few in this self-seeking world know the taste.

Without saying more Mr. March wrote the checks, to which the old man added his tremulous signature. As the sound of tke limping footstep died away in the hall, Mr. March turned again to the five checks still on his desk.

"They look small,—yes, they do." Mechanically he added a cipher to the one nearest him. "That looks better." A cipher was added to each check. "One hundred. Two hundred and fifty. They'll all have to be written over again."

Mr. March leaned his head on his hands, less in a hurry to get home than he had thought. The glorified face of the old servitor was still before his mind's eye. Mr. March doubted if ever in his life he had looked into a happier one.

"Cutting down his bit of a nest-egg so,—the poor old simpleton! Likely enough to end his days in the poor-house yet.

But it was with a softened smile that the rich merchant thought it. Then his mind ran over his own affairs. Propered from his first beginnings he had, during these few later years, taken huge strides towards a collosal fortune. Seven figures it would take, he well knew, to express what he was worth, and the initial figure would not be one of the smaller ones, either. His own family lived well, but not extravagantly; his yearly expenses were but a small proportion of his rapidly increasing yearly income.

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"One thousand dollars. Twenty-five hundred dollars."

There was a little excitement about it. Mr. March left his chair and walked up and down the floor. How had it been that he had never before realized what a small scratch of his pen could do? They were his own flesh and blood. They were, in one way and another, enduring the hardness, the daily and nightly wear of mind, the pitiful, gnawing solicitude which belongs with small means. Soul, mind, and body, the hardness touched them all, bending them down with its iron touch, narrowing them with its cruel limitations. His own flesh and blood. They had stood to him as of far less value than this money he had been accumulating—money which could never bring to him more than food, clothing, and lodging.

Yes, it could. It could bring to him, to his very self, his very heart, the happiness of five families,—this rare privilege which he thanked God could come with an easy scratch of his pen.

As he still crossed and recrossed his office floor his movements became quicker, a glow spread over his face, and a new light shone in his eye. At length he sat down and slowly wrote again the checks, lingering over them as over an enjoyable task; and when all were finished each showed still one more cipher.—Sydney Dayre in December Demorest.

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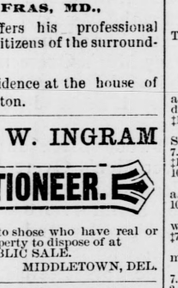

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Philadelphia	11 16	2 25	10 20	12 02	3 46		5 56
Baltimore	6 45	6 25	8 50	12 05	3.00		5.27
Wilmington	12 01	8 13	11.03	2.50	4.27		6.53
Farnhurst		f 8.22		f 2 58			
New Castle		8 27		3 03			7 05
State Road		f8 33		f 3.08			f7.10
Bear		f8.38		f 3.13			h7.15
Porter		8 46			f 4.48		7.21
Kirkwood		8.52	h11 33	f 3.21			f7.26
Mt. Pleasant		9.03		f 3.30			f7.34
Armstrong		f 9 06					7.38
Middletown	12.44	9 13	11.49	3.39	5 11		7.43
Townsend		9 22		f 3.47	5.19		7 52
Blackbird		f 9 27		f 3.51			f7.57
Gr'n Spring		f 9 33		f 3 57			
Clayton	1 02	9 40	12 06	4 00	5 32		8.08
Smyrna LV		9.50	11.56	3.50	5 22		7.58
Brenford		f9 45		f 4.07			8 13
Cheswold		f9.51		f 4.12			f8.19
Dupont				f 4.15			
Dover	1 20	10.04	12 22	4 21	5 50		8 28
Wyoming	a 1.27	10.11	f12 28	4 27	5.56		8.34
Woodside		f10 18		f 4.33			
Viola		f10 22		f 4.37			
Felton	a 1 40	10 27	f12 39	4 41	6.08		
Harrington	1.53	10.41	12.53	4.53	6.20		
Farmington		f10 47	h 1 00		f 6.38		
Greenwood		f10.55	h 1.07		f 6.36		
Bridgeville	a 2 14	11.03	f 1.15		6.45		
Camnons		f11 08			f 6.50		
Seaford	a 2.26	11 18	1 26		6.58		
Laurel	a 2.38	11 29	f 1 36		7.09		
Delmar	2.50	11.39	1 46		7.20		

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M	EXP. P. M.	PAS. P. M
Delmar	f1.08			8.05	2.26	3 40
Laurel	f 1.21			8.15	p 2.36	3.50
Seaford	p1.34			8.29	p 2.46	4.04
Cannons				f 8.37		f 4.12
Bridgeville	p1.48			8 43	f 2.	4.18
Greenwood				f 8.51		f 4.26
Farmington				f 8.59		f 4 34
Harrington	p 2.22		8.05	9 13	3.21	4.44
Felton	p 2.32		8.14	9.22	f 3.30	4.53
Viola			8.18	f 9 27		f 4.58
Woodside			8 22	f 9 31		f 5.02
Wyoming		7 05	8 29	9 38	f 3 41	5.09
Dover	2.50	7.11	8.35	9.45	3.47	5.16
Dupont		f7.14				
Cheswold		f7.20		f 9 54		f 5.25
Brenford		f7.24		f10 02		f 5.30
Smyrna LV		7.19	8 42	9 57	3 50	5.28
Clayton	3.06	7.29	8.52	10.05	4.02	5.36
Gr'n spring		f7.33				f 5.40
Blackbird		f7.39		f10.15		f 5.46
Townsend		7.44	9.06	0 20	4.15	5.51
Middletown	p 3.29	7.53	9.15	10.29	4.24	6.02
Armstrong		f7.57				f 6.06
Mt Pleasant		8.03		f10 37		6.10
Kirkwood		8.09		10.46		6.21
Porter		8.15	f9 34	10.51	4.41	6.27
Bear		f8.20		f10.56		
State Road		f8.25		f11.00		
New Castle		8.31	9 45	11.07		6.40
Farnhurst		f8.36	f9 50	f11.12		
Wilmington	4 15	8 45	9.58	11.20	5 05	6 53
Baltimore	6.26	10 37	11.15	12 35	6 55	8.40
Philadelphia	5.10	9 32	10 46	12.06	5. 5	7.51

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